

REMARKS

This responds to the office action mailed on March 24, 2008. Claims 18 and 30 are amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner's Interview

The undersigned thanks Examiner Kc for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on May 28, 2008. During the interview, the pending claims and cited Balakrishnan reference (U.S. 5,952,942) and Monghanni reference (U.S. 5,675,817) were discussed. The remarks contained herein further summarize the interview.


Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent claims 18 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. as being obvious over Balakrishnan in view of Monghanni. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections and submits that claims 18 and 30 are patentably distinct from these references. For instance, the cited references do not teach or suggest a plurality of mapping tables for translating textual input or a text input handler that receives a textual input and selects one of the mapping tables... based on the particular input filed selected by the user to enter the textual input, as recited in claim 18. Also, among other distinctions, the cited references fail to teach that a keystroke on a text input device may result in a different language output being displayed on the GUI depending on which of the plurality of input fields is selected by the user to receive the input, as recited in claims 18 and 30. Nonetheless, claims 18 and 30 have been amended for clarity and to further distinguish over the cited references.

Claims 18 and 30 have been amended to specify that the plurality of input fields are simultaneously displayed on the mobile device, and that the textual input is received by one of the simultaneously displayed input fields. During the May 28 telephone interview, Examiner Ke agreed that these amendments will overcome the present rejections of claims 18 and 30. The Applicant therefore submits that claims 18 and 30, along with their respective dependent claims, are in condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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